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Project TIROS (TV ☐ Observation System)

Involves the launching in Oct 1959 from Wadsworth AFB of a Thor=boosted weather recon satellite having a payload consisting of 2 tv cameras and one ☐ camera which will produce approx 16,000 ft of film record in five days in orbit. Scheduled orbit will be polar in direction to gain max coverage at an altitude of 400 miles producing ground resolution of 500 to 600 feet. Msn to conduct meteorological observation of cloud coverage on a worldwide basis being conducted by UNS and USAF in accordance with requests made under joint ARPA/NASA programming. Project presently CONFIDENTIAL, ultimately NASA will control and probably declassify.

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CIA position that CORONA shld have priority re timing, launch pad accessibility etc.

NRO review(s) completed.